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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON PERSONNEL
INTERCHANGE GROUP

REF: STATE 19113 #

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE EE STOP
FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS GROUP. WE BELIEVE GROUP'S VISIT HERE
WOULD HOLD PROMISE OF SUBSTANTIAL FUTURE DIVIDENDS IN OUR
BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

2. WHILE WE BELIEVE BUCHAREST STOP CAN SATISFY LITERALLY
DESIDERATA SPELLED OUT IN REFTTEL, WE ARE LESS CERTAIN
THAT WE CAN FULFILL ALL OF PARTICIPANTS' EXPECTATIONS.
INDUSTRIAL VISITS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER;
GOR CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO DO AS GOOD A JOB AS OTHER
EE CAPITALS. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST RECEPTION, WHICH FROM
PAST EXPERIENCE WOULD BE WELL ATTENDED BY GOOD REPRESENTATION
FROM GOR OFFICIALS. SIGHTSEEING COULD, OF COURSE, BE
TRICKY IN FEBRUARY; WEATHER NORTH OF BUCHAREST WOULD BE
ESPECIALLY UNPREDICTABLE.

3. WHERE WE ARE NOT CLEAR THAT BUCHAREST WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE
TO GROUP IS IN REALM OF OFFICIAL CONTACTS. IN THIS
TIGHTLY-CONTROLLED SOCIETY CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY OFFICIALS ASSUME PATTERN OF SET-PIECE BRIEFINGS.
ANY KIND OF CANDID EXCHANGE, EVEN IN POST-CSCE ENVIRONMENT,
IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. IF WE COULD HAVE A MORE PRECISE
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SENSE OF BACKGROUND AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF GROUP, WE

WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO PROVIDE YOU A MORE
REALISTIC APPRAISAL ON THIS ASPECT.

4. WE HOPE THAT, ON BALANCE, PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION WILL
ELECT BUCHAREST STOP. WE CAN ASSURE GROUP THAT
ROMANIAN HOSPITALITY WILL ENSURE AN ACTIVE AND, WE
TRUST, PROFITABLE STOP HERE.
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